

Remarks/Arguments:

By this Amendment, applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, and 37-40. Claims 1-14 and 37-40 are pending.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The Title has been objected to as being non-descriptive. Applicants have amended the Title so that it is descriptive of applicants' invention.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 37-40 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. To overcome this objection, applicants have amended claims 37-40 so that they are in independent form and therefore overcome the claim objections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER §112

Claims 1-14 and 37-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. According to numbered paragraph 8 of the Office Action, "It is unclear how 'after a predetermined time duration for *causing* said user to terminate said telephone call', a user could then register a change of email address if the user is no longer connected to the system." To overcome this rejection, applicants have changed the word "causing" to the word "allowing".

Claims 37-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. According to the Office Action, these claims depend upon method claims while claims 37-40 recite "a computer-processable medium carrying a program for causing a computer to execute." The Office Action goes on to state that the claim does not

allow one to ascertain which statutory category the dependent claims are part of." Applicants respectfully submit that their amendment as noted above to claims 37-40 overcome the basis for this §112, second paragraph, rejection.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in full compliance with §112.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER §102

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, and 37-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kato. Applicants respectfully traverse this §102(e) rejection.

The Kato patent is the reference for rejection under Section 102(e), and was issued on November 1, 2005, based on an application filed May 16, 2002 with a "prior publication date" of November 21, 2002. However, the subject application was filed in the United States on July 3, 2002, and is based on three prior art Japanese applications; namely, JP 2000-209111 filed July 10, 2000; JP 2000-339741 filed November 7, 2000; and JP 2001-173277 filed June 7, 2001. Each of these priority documents has a priority date prior to the filing date of the Kato patent. Applicants therefore are providing herewith Certified English Translations of the priority documents in order to perfect their priority and therefore eliminate the Kato patent as a prior art reference.

In view of the elimination of the Kato patent as a prior art reference, applicants respectfully request that the §102(e) rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER §103

Claims 5 and 10 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato and further in view of Dosani. Applicants respectfully traverse this §103(a) rejection.

Since the Kato patent is not prior art, applicants respectfully submit that there is simply not sufficient support for the §103(a) rejection based merely on the Dosani patent. Applicants therefore request that the §103(a) rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 and 37-40 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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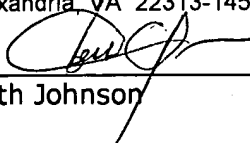
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